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AMB	1. Responding to the Formosa attack of October 5, Interim		
POL-3	President Italo Luder issued Executive Decree 2.770/75 last		
POL/R	night (October 6) creating the Internal Security Council (CSI)		
ECOM	as the central organ in the fight against subversion. The		
USIS	National Defense Council (CDN) proposed last week was also		
USDAO	promulgated by the same decree.		
MILGP-2	2. The Internal Security Council will be composed of the		
SCIAT	President of the Nation, all cabinet members, and the three		
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RF	CINCS. <del>THE EXCISE</del> is responsible for direction of national anti-		
CHRON	subversive activities and all tasks the President may direct		
	to this end.		
	3. Membership of the National Defense Council is Minister of		
	Defense, the three Commanders of the Armed Forces, and the Joint		
	CDN		
	Staff. The <del>EXCISE</del> will be the action arm of new anti-subversive		

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agency/ The CDN has responsibility for advising the President and proposing measures related to the terrorist problem. It also has responsibility for the coordination of national, provincial and municipal authorities as well as planning and conducting the operations of the Military, Security and police forces in all anti-subversive activities.

4. The Presidential Press Secretary, the Secretary of State for Information, the Federal Police, and the National Penal Service are subordinate to and responsible to the National Defense Council in the anti-subversion fight according to the decree.

5. Comment: After almost 18 months of indecisive backing and filling, the GOA has finally set up a unified <sup>approach</sup> ~~response~~ to deal with the subversive problem. It is clear that events in Formosa were the catalyst which <sup>caused the promulgation of the</sup> ~~finally gave birth to the~~ <sup>after</sup> anti-subversive decree issued yesterday. However, <sup>after</sup> almost two years of near silence on the issue, media commentators finally leveled guns on GOA's leisurely approach to combatting terrorism. On popular Channel 11 political talk show, Bernardo Neustadt, highly respected commentator, was harshly critical of fact that it took over half a dozen major attacks on military installations in last two years for GOA to act. More pointedly, Neustadt questioned whether in its present weakened state, beset with internal political jockeying, GOA could now make good on its promised efforts to crack down on

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subversion. October 7 La Opinion echos Neustadt's criticisms and goes on to castigate government in strong terms for endless repetition of fact that terrorism is worldwide problem and its complacent feeling it couldn't happen here. Clearly, in taking latest step, GOA being pressured by public opinion which now appears to be ahead of government in recognition of necessity for energetic efforts to end terrorist deprecations.

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